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General Budge's response at that time was that the necessary baseline analyses had not been done within the Intelligence Community, but that he would support the initiation of such work.

4. I intend revisiting this issue to ensure that the work we need in this area is getting the attention it needs, and to discuss US work in this area with appropriate Pentagon personnel.

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6. I encourage you to check back with Larry Gershwin on the status of	
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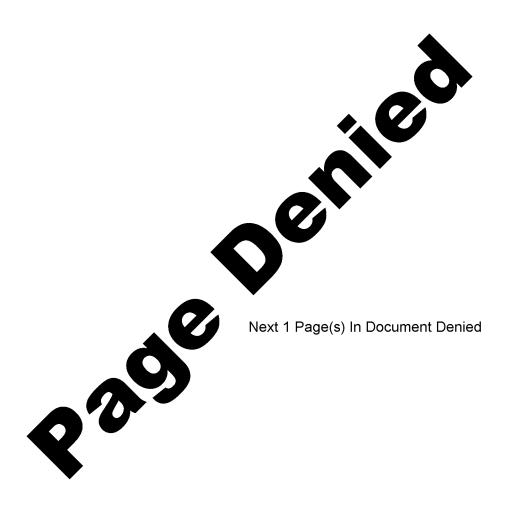
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